



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Utilize San Joaquin County Contract for Paging Services

MEETING DATE: February 15, 1995

PREPARED BY: Police Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve standardizing on one paging service provider for all departments and that the City utilize the contract that was recently negotiated by San Joaquin County for paging service with Airsignal Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Police Department, and other departments, currently buy airtime from several different local paging companies including Airsignal Inc. The Police Department currently owns their paging equipment and their monthly numeric-only airtime rate is \$11.50 per paging unit. They also supply batteries for these units at an estimated cost of \$0.50 per unit per month. The Police Department has 31 pagers for a total annual cost of \$4,464.00.

Airsignal Inc. will supply 31 new alpha-numeric pagers to the Police department at no charge. The alpha-numeric pagers would normally cost the City \$179.00 each. The new monthly airtime cost would be \$12.25 per unit per month for an annual cost of \$4,557.00. Also, Airsignal Inc. will supply all necessary batteries on an ongoing basis at no additional charge.

KEY BENIFITS:

- One vendor contract
- All Departments would use same paging system
- LCD display for text messages
- City emergency sevices would tie into the County Fire Department dispatch and fire strike-team dispatching
- Group message broadcasts
- Group disaster broadcasts
- Northern California and statewide coverage available

FUNDING: Existing funding as provided in current budget.


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